

Meeting Notes

Eastern HS Programs Advisory Team

September 1, 2009

6-7:30pm

Eliot-Hine Junior High School

Facilitator:

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Overview:

This meeting began as a mid-course checkpoint to realign meeting topics leading up to a November deadline for initial recommendations to the Chancellor. Peggy O'Brien facilitated the initial discussion asking "what topics do we need to cover and what resources do you need from us in order to make recommendations to the Chancellor in November?" During the second half of the meeting, Jesse Nickelson presented an overview of the International Baccalaureate organization and Diploma Programme.

Notes:

Issue	Comments
Update Review of core values and core structure: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Rigorous Academics</i>2) <i>Core Relationships</i>3) 9th grade "academy"/ community4) Three 10th-12th grade small learning communities (SLCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Extra meetings that DCPS will hold this fall include 7th grade focus groups and parent meetings at area charter schools, presentations and Q&As with PTAs from feeder DCPS middle schools
Where we are going	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Topics of interest in the next four meetings:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) AP courses2) College readiness3) Internships & Mentorships4) Law option for 3rd upperclass SLC5) Options for technology use / online courses?6) More concrete examples/ thoughts on how the programs work together

<p>International Baccalaureate</p> <p>Presentation will hopefully be posted for further information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q: How long does it take to fully build? A: 3 years for full authorization. ▪ Q: How much flexibility is there in implementation? A: Schools can decide whether to make the program open enrollment, all or some students, etc. Students not pursuing the IB Diploma can still enroll in individual IB courses for certificates and students not achieving the Diploma will still earn their HS diploma. ▪ Q: Is IB realistic? A: Yes, if we begin training on Day 1 and develop the culture with teachers & students year by year. Program could run with 10% of the proposed 1100 student enrollment participating. ▪ Q: How much does it cost? A: \$9,000 annual fee plus student fees per exam. ▪ Q: What IB programs currently exist in DC? A: Banneker is the only authorized school, with Shepherd, Thomson, and HD Cooke, and Deal as current candidates for authorization. ▪ Noted that one appeal of IB is that it is a formal commitment to established and externally validated rigor.
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on website: the current Google site will be merged into the new DCPS website, and future notes and meeting announcements can be found at: dcps.dc.gov